

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Hirst et al.**         ) Art Unit: **Unassigned**  
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**Serial No. Filed Herewith** ) Examiner: **Unassigned**  
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Filed: **October 24, 2001** )  
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For: **Cell Production**   )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following amendment and remark prior to the first examination of this  
Application.

**AMENDMENT**

In the Specification

Please insert the following claim to priority at the beginning of the Specification on  
page 1: --This application claims the priority benefit of Australian provisional application no.  
PR0952, filed October 24, 2000.--

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